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In re Patent Application of )  
Christian DEVAUX et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Application No.: 09/648,557 ) Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin  
Filed: August 25, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 5736  
For: INHIBITORS OF HIV )  
REPLICATION AND METHOD OF )  
TREATMENT OF HIV INFECTIONS )

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed October 2, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims 31-35.

31. (New) An inhibitor of HIV replication, comprising a peptide or analog comprising a decapeptide, said decapeptide containing (from the N-terminus to the C-terminus) a basic amino acid in position 1, an acidic amino acid in positions 2 and 5, and a tryptophan in positions 4, 7, and 8 wherein:

the amino acid at position 3 is threonine, isoleucine or valine,  
the amino acid at position 6 is threonine, alanine, and glutamine,